



UPPER EGYPT.

Curious and Laborious Methods of Irrigation Along the Nile.

Mr. Thompson Writes from the Nile of Ancient Thebes—The Temple of Karnak—The Largest Obelisk in Egypt.

Written for the Sunday Oregonian.

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 10.—The Nile is very shallow and there are numerous sand bars, the current pretty swift and the water muddy. We were frequently grounded and always anchored at night, so our progress was not rapid.

The second day we passed the dwarf pyramid called by the natives "El Gaddah," and several other smaller pyramids, all at the west side of the river. We also passed a large stone bridge, a factory at this place called Maghaz, and stopped at this village for the night, 106 miles from Cairo. In the afternoon of the third day we arrived at Minieh, a town of perhaps 2500 people. There is a large palace here belonging to the viceroys, and a large sugar manufactory, not like the Egyptian towns, it looks much better at a distance than when you enter and pass through the narrow and dirty streets.

Soon after we arrived at Minieh, and mounted donkeys to visit the tombs of Ban Hassan, which are in the edge of the Arabian desert. These tombs are cut out of solid limestone and are usually about thirty feet square, and some of them are of the shape of a pyramid. The sides are smooth and covered with hieroglyphs which give a history of the important events of the life of the deceased, also the positions they held, the sacrifices they offered to the gods, etc. There are many of these tombs, and they are all of the same shape.

They were cut out during the time of the dynasty of about 3500 B. C. The banks of the river from Cairo to this place are entirely covered with tombs of this kind, and they are common to the water courses of America. Not even roads or rivers are to be seen; nothing but mud and water, and a few small trees.

From the edge of the water, however, the "date palm" is abundant and is a most beautiful tree. It is about ten feet high, and its fruit is a small, round, green berry, which is used for food. The tree grows in the mud and is very common. The trees are not irrigated and will thrive where other trees will not.

The town of Assiut is reached the fifth day. This town is the capital of Upper Egypt and is about 100 miles north of Cairo. It was only a few years ago the principal slave market for the caravans from the Sudan, but its importance in this respect has been lost. It is now a city of about 10,000 people, and it is a very important place.

On the east side of the Nile, the Thebes and the "Two Colossi." The northern part of the Thebes is a very important place, and it is a very important place. It is a very important place, and it is a very important place.

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IN AND ABOUT PORTLAND.

The juvenile opera troupe opens at the New Pacific theater to-morrow night.

In the state circuit court yesterday E. Johnson was fined \$100 for money loaned and work performed.

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Large quantities of small stuff continue to be sent up from the coast.

Mr. A. L. Maxwell, general passenger and ticket agent of the O. & N. Co., and his wife, are spending a few weeks in San Francisco.

Lieut. Commander Alfred Adams, United States navy, arrived yesterday from San Francisco, and left last night's train for Wisconsin.

Thomas Hill, Jr., son of the celebrated artist, Thomas Hill, is spending a few weeks in the city, the guest of B. L. Smith, 350 Twelfth street.

Marriage licenses were granted yesterday for D. E. Wasserman and Lizzie Vessey, T. S. Sorensen and Bertha Wetland, N. Baulin and Lizzie Baulin.

F. G. Gulliver, accused of threatening to kill J. J. Polaris, had an examination before Justice T. J. Polaris, and was put under \$500 bonds to keep the peace from the Golden Gate.

A telegram has been received at the light house in the office in this city announcing the death of W. H. Jackson, keeper of the Point-Not-Point station, Puget sound.

Mr. James C. Woodward, chief clerk of the freight department of the O. & N. Co., left yesterday for Minneapolis, Minn., on a visit to his parents. He will be gone a few weeks.

Hermann Steinmetz, the fractious thief, who was taken to the penitentiary yesterday to serve six months and one year respectively.

Contracts have been let for the stone for the new Presbyterian church. The body of the structure is to be of a dark basalt from St. Helena and the trimmings of Bellingham bay sandstone.

The new bridge on Thirteenth street, between 1st and 2nd, is so far completed that the work of laying the street car track across it has been commenced.

A lot of canvasback ducks were sent up from Saville's island yesterday. A party of sportsmen went down this morning to have just one more whack at the ducks before they wing their flight to their breeding grounds at the far north.

Anton Rogge and Richard P. Story, Germans, were admitted to citizenship yesterday by Judge J. C. Smith. They were sworn in by the mayor, William, Friday of Frederick III., and yesterday they became citizens of the United States.

Mr. C. B. Willer, comptroller of the O. & N. Co., will leave Wednesday for Washington, D. C., to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the association of National Railroad accountants. He will be absent four or five weeks.

The trouble between the different Chinese factions continues. Yesterday Lee Ping Fong, Ah How and Lee Yee were shot by the Chinese.

Immigration to the Northwest has started in earnest. The first ship to arrive from the Orient was the British ship Lucania, which arrived at the wharf yesterday.

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quite dark at the time, and Coblenz suffered terrible agony until his house was reached, when Mr. Goodrich started back to Silverton for Dr. McQuire. The pain was eased somewhat by application of warm cloths until the doctor arrived. Mr. Coblenz had much to do for his family, and, though a good worker, had had a hard time of it.

DEATH OF AN INDIAN AGENT.

Mr. Charles Willoughby, agent at the Quinaltine reservation, died there on the morning of March 8, of paralysis. Mr. A. P. Wyatt, who had been at the reservation, remains will, as soon as possible, be conveyed via Astoria, to Port Townsend, W. T., for burial in the Masonic cemetery, he having been a member of that fraternity. The Quinaltine reservation is on the coast of Washington territory, and there is no regular communication with the place except by the road from Gray's harbor.

DEATH OF DE LAHAY'S COMPLAINT.

In the suit of Van B. D. Lehigh vs. the O. & N. Co., the Oregon directors of the company, W. S. Ladd, H. W. Corbett, Henry F. Ladd, C. A. Ladd, W. A. Ladd, H. Ladd, and S. B. Ladd, filed in the state circuit court a complaint against the directors of the company, on the ground that it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of suit or entitle plaintiff to the relief prayed for, nor any relief.

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THE EAST SIDE.

Democratic Effect Permanent Organization—Republican Only Meeting.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

The East Portland democratic precinct club met at the council chamber last evening, H. D. McGuire presiding, and effected a permanent organization. The committee appointed to draft a constitution, etc., submitted a report which was adopted, after which thirty-one persons signed the constitution. Officers were then elected as follows: G. H. Grant, president; F. A. M. Starr, first vice-president; Dr. George Wigg and J. J. Hembree, second and third vice-presidents respectively; E. L. Alstott, secretary; Charles Farnas, treasurer.

A committee was instructed to engage H. A. Stott's hall for the meetings of the club.

Measures, G. H. Grant and Wm. Foley were elected delegates to meet with the central democratic club.

On motion the president was instructed to appoint an executive committee consisting of five members, the club was adjourned.

After short speeches by Messrs. John Myers, J. L. Sperry and Wm. Foley, the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next, the place to be made known through the daily papers.

REPUBLICAN CLUB.

The republican club met last night in Hall A. Stott's hall with John H. Stott as president.

The committee on securing hall made report that they had a proposal from Hall A. Stott to secure the hall on the terms proposed.

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